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**New POL Storage Area Under Construction
At Aseb Petroleum Refinery and Storage Facility
Aseb, Ethiopia (S)**

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1. (S/D) A new petroleum storage area is under construction at Aseb, Ethiopia. When completed, the facility will consist of six Soviet-type prefabricated POL storage tanks with a capacity of approximately one million gallons each, two small probable surge/blending tanks, and several administration and storage buildings. This new fence-secured area is adjacent to the Aseb Petroleum Refinery and Storage Facility ( Figure 1).

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2. (S/D) The prefabricated tank components began arriving in January 1979 and were placed in open storage. Initial site preparation did not begin until April 1980. By  one storage tank was completed and assembly of a second was underway.

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3. (S/D) The components, method of construction, and size of the six storage tanks are similar to the petroleum storage tanks built by the Soviets at Berbera, Chismaio, and Mogadiscio, Somalia, during 1974.

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